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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. If any claims are designated "cancelled," please cancel such claims without prejudice.

Listing of Claims:

- 1 1. (Currently Amended) A method for enhancing the
- 2 antimicrobial effectiveness of ~~an antibiotic~~ vancomycin comprising the step of
- 3 combining the antibiotic with at least 1% by weight citric acid and or salts of citric
- 4 acid, wherein an effective antimicrobial combination consists essentially of the
- 5 antibiotic and the citric acid and/or salts of citric acid.

Claims 2-27 (Cancelled).